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Cut in Electric Rates, New Tax or City Power Plant Urged in Council

Alderman Bank's Resolution Cites Federal Aid for Project

A resolution demanding that the Minneapolis General Electric company either reduce electric rates or submit to a tax for the use of the city streets, with the alternative of construction of a municipally-owned electric plant, was introduced in the city council today by Alderman Henry H. Bank of the Third ward.

The resolution was referred to the public lighting committee on motion of Alderman H. P. Van Cleve, with an amendment to the motion that Alderman Bank be instructed to sit as a member of that committee while the resolution is being considered.

A municipal plant could be constructed without assessing a cent of the cost against the taxpayers, Alderman Bank declared. A grant amounting to 45 per cent of the cost of labor and materials could be obtained from the federal government, he said, and the balance could be handled through self - liquidating bonds.

Work for Hundreds

He pointed out that such a project would provide work for hundreds of men, and he estimated that the plant when completed would save consumers of the city at least $4,000,000 per year. He declared the city's present annual electric bill of $12,000,000 could be reduced at least one-third.

Beginning his statement with an outline of the huge network of holding companies which Minneapolis electricity users are helping to support, Alderman Bank declared the bulk of the profits go to a "few persons in Wall street," and "only a small sum is returned to the so-called investors in Northern States Power company preferred stock."

Opposition Built Up

"These investors have obviously been sold this stock not so much as an investment," Bank charged, "but for the purpose of building up a local opposition to circumvent and defeat any attempt that might be made by the city or state authorities in a fight for rate reduction.

"The very persons in Minneapolis who are receiving a small dividend on their Northern States power stock are paying out individually much more in the form of higher rates for electricity and power than the amount they receive in the form of dividends each year," he held.

Alderman Bank declared that the Minneapolis company contributes approximately $750,000 annually to one of its holding companies for engineering services, although the local company has all the engineering experts it requires.

City Has Authority

Gov. Floyd B. Olson last January called to the attention of the council a statute which prohibits the electric company from occupying the streets without a franchise, Bank said. The governor at that time suggested that Minneapolis was entitled to at least $700,000 yearly for the privilege of using the streets for wires and conduits. The city attorney offered the opinion at that time, Bank said, that legislation was necessary to clarify the city's rights, and the state legislature at its 1935 session passed a bill giving the city all the authority it needs.

Bank called attention to the success of Virginia, Minn., in operating a municipal electric plant for 18 years. He commented that Minneapolis now is paying out $400,000 yearly for municipal lighting, and he referred to the city water department as a fair example of what the city might do with a municipal electric plant, "if we once got rid of our fears and tackled the job as good business men—with only the interests of the great mass of citizens at heart." A comparison of the city water works with privately owned plants shows a differential of 50 per cent in favor of the city plant, he said.

45 Per Cent Gift

"There is no reason why we should not have a municipally owned electric plant," Alderman Bank declared. "The United States government stands ready to aid any municipality that will institute such a construction by advancing 45 per cent of the cost of the project gratis, as a gift to the municipality, and the balance in the form of a loan by the government in bonds bearing only 3 per cent interest, payable out of the revenues of the plant and self-liquidating in 20 years.

"In Cleveland, Los Angeles, Tacoma and Seattle, cities comparable in size to Minneapolis, there are privately owned electric companies and also municipally owned plants, and this has resulted in tremendously reduced rates to consumers. In Milwaukee and in St. Paul there are now pending surveys to buildl plants to properly provide for these cities, and what is Minneapodis doing?"

MAN WHO SHRANK 10 INCHES TO FACE OPERATION MONDAY

HANS NELSON

Hans Nelson Cheerful Over Prospect of Being Cured

Cheerful and apparently unafraid of the operation which University hospital surgeons will perform Monday in hopes of restoring at least part of the 10½ in height which he has lost during the past 15 years, Hans Nelson, 52, today left the hospital to spend the week-end with his family at his home, 3412 Forty-second avenue S.

Mr. Nelson once was five feet, 10½ inches, tall but now he is an even five feet.

"I don't have much hope that the doctors can restore my height," Mr. Nelson said, "but they already have relieved the pain which has been continuous for the past 10 years. They say they can keep me from shrinking any more but I don't see how I could—my lower ribs rest on my hip bones now."

Backbone Melted Away

"It just seems that my backbone has melted away," he continued. "All my loss of height has been in my abdomen, except that the bones of my legs have grown weak and have bowed under the weight of my body."

For a dozen years, physicians had attributed Mr. Nelson's gradual loss of height to a form of rheumatism and have thought that nothing could be done about it. University of Minnesota scientists, however, believe the malady to be hyper parothyroidism, an over-active condition of the parothyroid gland caused by a tumor in or near the gland and resulting in draining of calcium, the bone hardening element, from all parts of the body.

First Indication

"The first indication that I was losing height came about 13 years ago," Mr. Nelson said, "when an insurance examination report showed my height as five feet, nine and one-half inches. I had been an inch taller than that for a good many years and I thought it was a just an error.

"A year or so later, my back and feet began to pain me and my clothes didn't fit me properly. Doctors told me that it was not unusual for people to lose an inch or two in stature in middle age. Later, when old friends who hadn't seen me for several years commented on how short I was, I went back to my old home at Clarkfield, Minn., and measured myself in comparison with some marks we had put on a door-casing years before to record growth of members of the family.

Continued to Shrink

"I found I had lost several inches and went to the best doctors I could find. They treated me for rheumatism but I continued to shrink until my ribs rested on my hip bones."

When Mr. Nelson entered University hospital three months ago, he suffered such great pain throughout his body and was so weak that he could not walk without aid. Frequent injections of calcium into his blood and a rigid diet in preparation for the operation have resulted in his gaining weight and alleviating of the pain. Mr. Nelson now is able to stroll about the hospital grounds and to visit with his wife and three grown children.

Eminent physicians who examined Mr. Nelson during the recent national medical convention at the University of Minnesota described his malady as more unusual than that of George Bocklett of Hollywood, Calif., who has shrunk four inches. Mr. Bocklett's loss of stature is believed to be caused by a tumorous condition of the bones themselves while X-rays of Mr. Nelson's skeletal structure show no such condition.

Parking Lot Auto Thefts Bring Warning From Goff

County Attorney Calls on Public to Co-operate With Police

An epidemic of parking lot automobile thefts today led County Attorney Ed J. Goff to issue a warning to Minneapolis parkers to remove keys from their automobiles before leaving them in the lots.

Meanwhile, the county attorney's office announced a campaign to stamp out the thefts and called on the public to co-operate by insisting on checks or some other safeguard against theft.

"Unless responsible people serve as parking lot attendants, it is easier to steal an automobile from a parking lot than the street," Mr. Goff said. "Police do not watch the parking lot."

It was pointed out that in small lots where hundreds of cars are parked during a day, it is sometimes necessary for attendants to keep keys to the cars in order to move them around to make room for other cars. The parker should be sure such attendants are responsible, Mr. Goff warned.

Twenty-one boys were arrested for car thefts in June, according to Lieut. Magni Palm, head of the juvenile division of the police department. He said that in each instance the boys admitted past thefts of from one to 25 cars.

GAMBLE ESTATE SET OVER $100,000

The will of David F. Gamble, former chairman of the board of Gamble-Robinson company who died Sunday, today was filed for probate.

The petition for probate lists the value of the personal property of the estate as bein in excess of $100,000 and the value of the real estate as $2,500.

A specific bequest is made to Mr. Gamble's sister-in-law, Grace Farmer, Yakima, Wash. The remainder of the estate is placed in trust for the widow, Julia S. Gamble, and Donald P. Gamble, David F. Gamble, Jr., Philip Gamble and James Ridgeway Gamble, sons.

Mrs. Gamble, Donald and David Gamble, a brother, Ross A. Gamble and the First National Bank and Trust company are named as executors and trustees.

STATE JOINS IN TYPHOID FIGHT

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tamination. He said that he anticipated that an application to the executive council will probably be made Saturday.

Look for Muddy Taste

Because of the nature of the new chlorination being used in city water, it was stated that a musty rather than a sharp chlorine taste will be detected.

Dr. Harrington said today that boiling will be necessary only until chlorine can be tasted. An unusually heavy dose of four parts of chlorine per million gallons has been put in the water at the filtration plant and reservoir, but under ordinary circumstances it might take a month for the treated water to reach every part of the system. Hence, flushing by allowing hydrants to run is being considered.

Throughout the central part of the city, served by by-passes from trunk mains, chlorine has not been noticeable, but if 500,000 gallons were drawn off from hydrants in the loop district, the distribution of chlorinated water could be completed within a few days.

Positive typhoid reactions are not detectable for three weeks or more after infection, with the possibility that the source of the present cases may have been caused by a temporary infection a month or two months ago, beginning about May 1, Dr. Harrington said.

No Water Contamination

City water has been checked back three months, and no typhoid reaction has been found.

Since the epidemic started 76 water tests have been made, and positive reactions have been detected in only five. Federal government standards permit reactions in two out of five tubes.

Most of the early cases of typhoid were centralized in the western part of the city, south of Franklin avenue, but cases now have been reported on the east side and other sections of the city.

APPROVES BILL TO STOP GOLD SUITS

Washington, July 12.—(U.P.)—The house banking and currency committee today voted to report favorably the administration's bill outlawing suits for payment of government obligations on their former gold basis.

GAMBLING SETUP MAY BE BARED

Attorney Pearson to Lay Information Before St. Paul Court

Information which may blow the lid off the entire gambling setup in St. Paul is expected to be presented late today by the county attorney's staff when the Art Miller hearing opens before Judge Hugo O. Hanft.

It also was learned that John A. Pearson, first assistant county attorney, assigned to the case, has studied the setup and is prepared to lay before the court information on:

Tipsters' wire services, telephones, telegraphs and automatic printers, and how they are brought into St. Paul.

Pari-mutuel and totalizer systems used at race tracks.

Gambling tickets, betting odds and general operations of bookmaking places.

PROJECTS BEGUN BY NEW COUNCIL

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commerce, markets and harbors committee, Alderman I. G. Scott suggested inquiries be made regarding the possibility of purchasing th- old market property which is owned by the Walker estate. He said he understood it could be purchased for $80,000.

Alderman John Peterson retorted the old market was wholly inadequate, that it was unsatisfactory to the market gardeners and he was surprised Scott would make such a suggestion. On a roll call, Scott's vote was the only negative vote, with 25 voting to go ahead with the project.

The council also approved appointment of John T. O'Donnell as first assistant city attorney, succeeding William H. Morse whose retirement was announced Wednesday. The action was taken at the request of the city attorney and the civil service commission.

Buy Aerial Ladder

The council ordered purchase of an aerial ladder for the fire department from Peter Pirsch and Sons at a net cost of $14,155. The fire committee withheld a report on the purchase of three pumpers in order to hold another hearing on charges of irregularity together with a possibility of assembling the pumpers in Minneapolis.

Also on recommendation of the fire committee, the council posted a $25 reward for information leading to the apprehension of any person giving a false fire alarm.

Alderman A. G. Bastis was unanimously re-elected as council representative on the board of trustees of the Minneapolis-St. Paul sanitary district. The action was taken on motion of Peterson, who declared Bastis, chairman of the board, had been doing excellent work. The board will reorganize Monday.

Pearson Honored

On motion of Scott, the police committee was directed to investigate the death of Henry J. Ness and John Belore, who died from shotgun wounds suffered during the truck-drivers' strike a year ago.

At the opening of the session, a group of Central avenue business men presented a bouquet of flowers to Alderman O. A. Pearson, new council president.

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADINGS DECLINE

Washington, July 12.—(INS)—Loading of revenue freight for the week ended July 6, totaled 472,421 cars, a decrease of 145,615 cars below the preceding week, and 48,320 cars below the corresponding week in 1934, the Association of American Railroads announced today. The decrease was due to the observance of Fourth of July holiday.

THE WEATHER

Friday, July 12, 1935.

First column, temperature at 5 a.m.; second column, lowest last night; third column, highest last 24 hours; fourth column, precipitation last 24 hours.

Boston	82	74	84	...
Buffalo	76	74	80	...
Chicago	75	76	92	...
Columbus	80	72	92	...
Denver	62	60	76	.04
Detroit	75	76	92	...
Duluth	66	60	84	.44
Havre	53	52	86	...
Indianapolis	76	74	92	...
Kansas City	68	68	102	.32
Los Angeles	63	62	80	...
Louisville	80	74	94	...
Memphis	78	76	88	...
Miami	86	82	88	...
Milwaukee	76	74	92	...
MINNEAPOLIS	71	66	90	...
New Orleans	82	80	92	...
New York	78	74	90	.04
Phoenix	80	80	110	...
St. Louis	76	76	92	...
San Francisco	54	52	76	...
Seattle	60	60	78	...
Spokane	56	54	88	...
Washington	82	74	92	...
Williston	60	58	78	...
Le Pas	56	56	78	.02

ACTIVE CHOIR HEAD AT 91

Ipswich, Mass.—Prof. Eben Bailey, 91, still is an active member of St. Joseph's church choir. He organized the choir several years ago. Bailey is known as a conductor and composer of religious music.

Ordered to Leave Post in Abyssinia

DORA ARVESON

Effects of outbreak of war in distant Ethiopia today were felt for the first time in Minneapolis when it was learned that Dora Arveson, 30, Presbyterian medical missionary who has been ordered to leave her station at Addis Ababa, will return to the home of her brother in Minneapolis July 20.

Her brother, Lester Arveson, 1506 E. Twenty-third street, said he had received a communication to that effect from his sister today. Having served five years in Central Africa, Miss Arveson would have been eligible for dismissal June 27. Along with other nationals in the area, she was ordered home on June 20, week before her term would have expired.

Miss Arveson's brother reported her communications expressed her belief Italy was the aggressor in Abyssinia.

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WOMEN'S WEAR—Basement
(75) HANDBAGS, originally $1. Fabrikoid and novelty meshes. Slightly soiled. Now 25¢
(75) NECKWEAR, good selection. Organdies, smart piques, laces and attractive sets. Regularly 50c, now 33¢
(100 prs.) FABRIC GLOVES, mostly Summer fabrics and a few pairs of Silk included. Regularly 39c, now pair 25¢
(36) WOMEN'S SLIPON SWEATERS that were originally 50c, now 25¢
(35) NURSES' UNIFORMS, soiled. Broken sizes. Were $1.19 to $1.49, now 79¢
(45) LINEN SUITS, 2-piece with short or long sleeves. White only. Sizes 14 to 20. Were $3, now $1.99
(30) SWAGGER COATS, colored pique. Sizes 14 to 20. Were $1.39, now 88¢
(25) DRESSES, were formerly $1.99 and $2.99. Broken sizes. Now $1

HOSIERY—Basement
(100 prs.) SILK HOSE, full fashioned . . . Irregulars. Broken sizes. Were 59c pair. Now 35¢
(200 prs.) ANKLE SOCKS, for children. Broken sizes. Were 10c and 17c. Now pair 5¢
(30) CHILDREN'S UNDIES, Rayon vests and bloomers and boys' cotton vests. Broken sizes. Were 25c, now each 15¢
(60) INFANTS' ANKLETS AND HOSE, small sizes. (Infants' Dept.) Now 3 pairs for 5¢

BOYS' WEAR—Basement
(100) SHIRTS, all sizes. Slightly irregular. Were 59c, now 44¢
(50) POLO SHIRTS, crew neck type. Slightly irregular. White. Broken sizes. Were 39c, now 25¢

HOME NEEDS—Basement
(68) KITCHEN TOWELS, colored borders. Were 8c, now each 5¢
(34) BED SHEETS, 63x90 or 72x90 size. Were 69c, now each 59¢
(78) PATEX DISH TOWELS, irregulars. Were 15c, now 10¢
(16) LINEN LUNCHEON CLOTHS, 44x44 size. Were 59c, now each 44¢
(28) BLANKET ENDS, plaids. Were 29c, now 15¢
(88) TURKISH TOWELS, hand size. Irregulars. Were 10c, now 6¢
(316 yds.) COTTON PRINT REMNANTS, sheers. Were 12c yard, now 8¢
(14) LUNCHEON CLOTHS, all linen. 50x50 size. Were 79c, now 59¢
(165 yds.) PILLOW TICKING, striped. Were 20c yard, now 14¢

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